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Project Safe Neighborhoods: Kewanee Man Charged with Federal Firearms Crimes

Rock Island, IL- Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury today returned an indictment charging Ricky Lee Robinson, age 48, of 625 Elm Street, Kewanee, Illinois, with possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

The indictment alleges Robinson possessed a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistol, a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, ammunition, and marijuana. Further, the indictment alleges that each gun had an obliterated serial number. According to the indictment, Robinson possessed the guns and ammunition, despite having been previously convicted of five felonies in Illinois. According to the indictment, Robinson's prior felony convictions were in Rock Island County and Knox County, and included robbery, theft from a person, theft, driving under the influence, and driving with a revoked license.

If convicted, for the offenses of possession of a firearm by a felon or possession of ammunition by a felon, the maximum statutory penalty is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. For possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, the penalty is up to five years in prison.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Illinois State Police Zone 2 Methamphetamine Response Team, the Black Hawk Area Task Force, the Kewanee Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Darrow under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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